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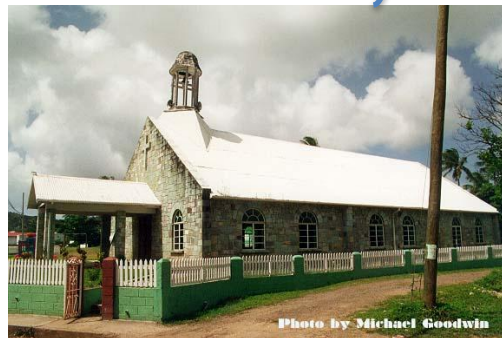
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New Hernnhut
Moravian Church (1737), St. Thomas



Maranathakirk (1944), Curacao



Gracehill Moravian Church (1791),
Antigua

THERE'S A CHRISTIAN WELCOME HERE

(Chorus)

There's a welcome here, there's a welcome here,
there's a Christian welcome here, Hallelujah!
There's a welcome here, there's a welcome here,
there's a Christian welcome here!

We extend a Christian greeting in the name of Christ our Lord,
and unite in one great meeting, and declare with one accord

(Chorus 2x)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

All standing.

Leader: Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servant of the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

Leader: From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same.

People: The Lord's name is to be praised.

Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

People: We praise you O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord. All the earth worships you, the Father everlasting.

Leader: I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications: because he has inclined his ear unto me. Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Leader: O praise the Lord all ye nations, praise him all ye people.

People: For his merciful kindness is great towards us and his truth endures for ever. Praise ye the Lord.

Leader: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great mercy.

People: The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works. All your works shall praise you, O Lord.

Leader: For the blessing of this life:

People: Glory be to the Father.

Leader: For our salvation and the promise of life eternal:

People: Glory be to the Son.

Leader: For the divine presence ever with us:

People: Glory be to the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Alleluia, the Lord God, Omnipotent reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him.

People: Alleluia, Salvation, glory, honour and power be unto the Lord our God. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

HYMN

Praise the Lord! You Heav'ns, Adore Him

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EMANCIPATION

All standing.

Leader: Spirit of the living God,

People: Fall afresh on us!

Leader: Spirit of the living God,

People: Sanctify this space.

Leader: Spirit of the living God,

People: Fill us with light and grace and strength.

Leader: Spirit of the living God,

People: Delight our minds, unite our tongues, renew our hearts.

Leader: Spirit of the living God,

People: Fall afresh on us!

All seated.

Leader: Let us confess our sins:

People: Gracious God, Heart of the universe, we confess that we are a rhythmic people who sometimes miss the beat of your call to holiness and righteousness. We do not always move in time to your drumbeat of peace with you, with our ancestors, and with one another. We resist your Holy Spirit.

We are a marching people, but our faithlessness puts us out of step.

We are a singing people, but our love for the songs that do not edify, distorts our voices.

We confess our sinfulness. We trust your grace to restore our lives to sweet harmony and our feet to a faithful march to the beat of your heart. Have mercy O Lord, we pray. Amen.

Leader: Be assured that God is just and faithful and will forgive us, when we confess.

Creator God, we bow in humble adoration of your mighty power and constant presence. We are thankful that, without discrimination, you have created all races and peoples in your image. We are grateful that each day you are enabling us, your people, to recognize our rightful place in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gracious God, contrary to our divine plan, racism as an ideology continues to be pervasive and divisive in this world. In many places, blacks are still considered and treated as an inferior race. We pray that your liberating power will set us free from such racism. **Amen.**

All standing.

Leader: For the blacks who have struggled for freedom in the Caribbean, Africa and the Americas.

People: We give you thanks.

Leader: For the women and men who have contributed positively to our culture and society through their talents, skills and ideas.

People: We give you thanks.

Leader: For Jesus Christ who died on the cross to redeem all humanity and to bring freedom to all who are in any way oppressed.

People: We give you thanks.

All seated.

Leader: Let us pray.

Loving God, we remember at this time our sisters and brothers throughout the world who suffer under racist structures. We pray for those who are exploited, manipulated, and discriminated against, because of the colour of their skin. We ask that you would strengthen and empower them to stand together and fight for the freedom which you have given; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of the oppressed, we can upon you to transform political and social structures which dehumanize your people. May leaders of all countries, especially the Caribbean, be guided by your Holy Spirit so that all decisions made may be for the common good and will glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Liberator God, we lift up before you, blacks in the Caribbean who have suffered a painful history of slavery. Remove, O God, the scars and mentality of colonialism and imperialism. Release in us the power to fulfill our potential by accepting and appreciating our own. Enable us to stand in solidarity with one another in spite of our linguistic and geographical differences. Give to us, O merciful God, your grace and peace. Help us to find, in and through Christ, our liberation; this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All standing.

SONGS

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

(Verse)

To God be the glory – great things he
hath done!

So loved he the world that he gave us
his Son,

who yielded his life an atonement for
sin,

and opened the life gate that all may
go in.

(Chorus)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let
the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let
the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus
the Son, and give him the glory –
great things he has done!

(Verse)

O perfect redemption, the purchase
of blood,

to ev'ry believer the promise of God:
the vilest offender who truly

believes,

that moment from Jesus a pardon
receives.

(Chorus)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let
the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let
the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus
the Son, and give him the glory –
great things he has done!

(Verse)

Great things he has taught us, great
things he has done,

and great our rejoicing through Jesus
the Son:

but purer, and higher, and greater will
be

our wonder, our transport, when
Jesus we see.

(Chorus)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let
the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let
the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus
the Son, and give him the glory –
great things he has done!

SOUND THE BATTLE CRY!

(Verse)

Sound the battle cry, See! the foe is
nigh; Raise the standard high

For the Lord! Gird your armour on,

Stand firm ev'ry one,

Rest your cause upon His holy Word!

(Chorus)

Rouse then, soldiers!

Rally round the banner!

Ready, steady, pass the word along;

On-ward: forward! shout aloud
Hosanna!

Christ is Captain of the mighty
throng!

(Verse)

Strong to meet the foe, Marching on
we go, While our cause we know

Must prevail; Shield and banner
bright Gleaming in the light,

Battling for the right, We ne'er can
fail!

(Chorus)

Rouse then, soldiers!

Rally round the banner!

Ready, steady, pass the word along;

On-ward: forward! shout aloud

Hosanna!

**Christ is Captain of the mighty
throng!**

(Verse)

O Thou God of all, Hear us when we
call; Help us one and all,

By Thy grace; When the battle's
done, And the Vict'ry won,

May we wear the crown Before Thy
face!

(Chorus)

Rouse then, soldiers!

Rally round the banner!

Ready, steady, pass the word along;

On-ward: forward! shout aloud

Hosanna!

**Christ is Captain of the mighty
throng!**

THE CHURCH'S RALLYING SONG

(Verse)

Awake! awake! the Master now is
calling us;

Arise! arise! and, trusting in His word,
Go forth, go forth!

proclaim the year of jubilee, And take
the Word, the blessed Word of
Christ our Lord.

(Chorus)

On ... on, swell the chorus!

**On ... on, the Morning Star is shining
o'er us!**

**On ... on, while before ... us Our
mighty, mighty Savior leads the
way!**

**Glory, glory! hear the everlasting
throng**

**Shout "Hosanna" while we boldly
march along!**

Faithful soldiers here below,

Only Jesus will we know,

**Shouting hallelujahs as we on-ward
go!**

(Verse)

A cry for light from dying ones in
heathen lands:

It comes, it comes across the ocean's
foam;

Then haste, oh haste, to spread the
words of truth abroad,

Forgetting not, the starving poor at
home, dear home.

(Chorus)

On ... on, swell the chorus!

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o'er us!**

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march along!**

Faithful soldiers here below,

Only Jesus will we know,

**Shouting hallelujahs as we on-ward
go!**

(Verse)

O Church of God, extend thy kind,
maternal arms

To save the lost on mountains dark
and cold!

Reach out thy hand with loving smile
to rescue them,

And bring them to the shelter of the
Saviour's fold.

(Chorus)

On ... on, swell the chorus!

**On ... on, the Morning Star is shining
o'er us!**

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**Shouting hallelujahs as we on-ward
go!**

(Verse)

**Look up! look up! the promised day is
drawing near**

**When all shall hail, shall hail the
Savior King.**

**When peace and joy shall fold their
wings in every clime,**

**And glorious hallelujahs o'er the
earth shall ring!**

(Chorus)

On ... on, swell the chorus!

**On ... on, the Morning Star is shining
o'er us!**

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march along!**

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Only Jesus will we know,

**Shouting hallelujahs as we on-ward
go!**

SEEKING THE LOST

(Verse)

**Seeking the lost, yes, kindly
entreating**

Wanderers on the mountain astray;

**"Come unto me," His message
repeating,**

Words of the Master speaking today.

(Chorus)

Going afar upon the mountain,

Bringing the wand'rer back again,

back again into the fold

Of our Redeemer,

**Jesus, the Lamb for sinners slain, for
sinners slain.**

(Verse)

**Seeking the lost, and pointing to
Jesus**

**Souls that are weak, and hearts that
are sore;**

**Leading them forth in ways of
salvation,**

Showing the path to life evermore.

(Chorus)

Going afar upon the mountain,

Bringing the wand'rer back again,

back again into the fold

Of our Redeemer,

**Jesus, the Lamb for sinners slain, for
sinners slain.**

(Verse)

**Thus would we go on missions of
mercy,**

Following Christ from day to day;

**Cheering the faint, and raising the
fallen,**

Pointing the lost to Jesus the Way.

(Chorus)

Going afar upon the mountain,
Bringing the wand'rer back again,
back again into the fold
Of our Redeemer,
Jesus, the Lamb for sinners slain, for
sinners slain.

STANDING ON THE PROMISES

(Verse)

Standing on the promises of Christ
my King,
Thro' eternal ages let His praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and
sing,

Standing on the promises of God.

(Chorus)

**Stand - - ing, ... stand - - ing,
Standing on the promises of God my
Savior;**

**Stand - - ing, ... stand - - ing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

(Verse)

Standing on the promises that
cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt
and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall
prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

(Chorus)

**Stand - - ing, ... stand - - ing,
Standing on the promises of God my
Savior;**

Stand - - ing, ... stand - - ing,

(Verse)

Standing on the promises I now can
see
Perfect, present cleansing in the
blood for me;

Standing in the liberty where Christ
makes free,

Standing on the promises of God.

(Chorus)

**Stand - - ing, ... stand - - ing,
Standing on the promises of God my
Savior;**

**Stand - - ing, ... stand - - ing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

(Verse)

Standing on the promises of Christ
the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's
strong cord,

Overcoming daily with the Spirit's
sword,

Standing on the promises of God.

(Chorus)

**Stand - - ing, ... stand - - ing,
Standing on the promises of God my
Savior;**

**Stand - - ing, ... stand - - ing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

(Verse)

Standing on the promises I cannot
fall.

Listening every moment to the
Spirit's call,

Resting in my Saviour as my All in all,
Standing on the promises of God.

(Chorus)

**Stand - - ing, ... stand - - ing,
Standing on the promises of God my
Savior;**

**Stand - - ing, ... stand - - ing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

TELL THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD

(Verse)

Tell the whole wide world of Jesus,

Bear the news from shore to shore;
Telling sinners of the Saviour,
Let the light spread more and more.

(Chorus)

**Tell the world, ... the whole wide
world;**

**Bear the news ... from shore to shore;
Tell the whole wide world of Jesus,
Praise His name forever more!**

(Verse)

Send abroad the Gospel heralds,
Let them take the blessed light
Into ev'ry land of darkness,
Piercing through the shades of night.

(Chorus)

**Tell the world, ... the whole wide
world;**

**Bear the news ... from shore to shore;
Tell the whole wide world of Jesus,
Praise His name forever more!**

(Verse)

Yes, we'll send the joyful message
Over mountain, over wave,
Telling ev'rywhere of Jesus,
And His mighty power to save.

(Chorus)

**Tell the world, ... the whole wide
world;**

**Bear the news ... from shore to shore;
Tell the whole wide world of Jesus,
Praise His name forever more!**

(Verse)

While we pray for other nations,
Send them help with willing hand;
Let us not forget the home-fields
Jesus for our native land!

(Chorus)

**Tell the world, ... the whole wide
world;**

Bear the news ... from shore to shore;

**Tell the whole wide world of Jesus,
Praise His name forever more!**

SEND THE LIGHT!

(Verse)

There's a call comes ringing o'er the
restless wave,

"Send the light, ... send the light!"

There are souls to rescue, there are
souls to save.

Send the light! ... send the light! ...

(Chorus)

**Send the light, ... the blessed gospel
light!**

**Oh, send the light, the blessed gospel
light!**

Let it shine ... from shore to shore!

Let it shine forever more!

(Verse)

We have heard the Macedonian call
today,

"Send the light, ... send the light!"

And our grateful off'rings at the cross
we lay.

Send the light! ... send the light! ...

(Chorus)

**Send the light, ... the blessed gospel
light!**

**Oh, send the light, the blessed gospel
light!**

Let it shine ... from shore to shore!

Let it shine forever more!

Shine ... forever more!

(Verse)

May the grace of Jesus unto all
abound,

"Send the light, ... send the light!"

And a Christ-like spirit ev'ry where
be found.

Send the light! ... send the light! ...

(Chorus)

**Send the light, ... the blessed gospel
light!**

**Oh, send the light, the blessed gospel
light!**

Let it shine ... from shore to shore!

Let it shine forever more!

(Verse)

Let us not grow weary in the work of
love,

“Send the light, ... send the light!”

While we gather jewels for our
crown above.

Send the light! ... send the light! ...

(Chorus)

**Send the light, ... the blessed gospel
light!**

**Oh, send the light, the blessed gospel
light!**

Let it shine ... from shore to shore!

Let it shine forever more!

WE HAVE COME INTO HIS HOUSE

(Verse)

We have come into His house and
gathered in His name
to worship Him.

We have come into His house and
gathered in His name
to worship Him.

We have come into His house and
gathered in His name
to worship Christ the Lord.

Worship Him, Christ, the Lord.
(Verse)

So forget about yourself and
concentrate on Him
and worship Him.

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concentrate on Him
and worship Him.

So forget about yourself and
concentrate on Him

and worship Christ the Lord.

Worship Him, Christ, the Lord.

(Verse)

Let us lift up holy hands and magnify
His name
and worship Him.

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His name

and worship Christ the Lord.

Worship Him, Christ, the Lord.

CREDITS

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NOTES ABOUT THE SERVICE

The cover displays photos of:

- New Hernnhut Moravian Church (founded 1737, the oldest Moravian Church in the western hemisphere) on St. Thomas, in the US Virgin Islands. It is the home church of the Petersen families.
- Gracehill Moravian Church (founded 1791) on the island of Antigua. It is home church of Lucille Samuel.
- Maranathakirk (founded 1944), on the island Curacao, was a church Pastor Barbara visited last year during the Moravian Church Foundation's annual board meeting. The official languages on the island are Dutch and English, but many people speak a Creole language called Papiamentu.

The Emancipation liturgy was chosen because it represents a liturgy original to the Caribbean and celebrates a holiday of great cultural significance in the islands. Also, it is an appropriate time of year to use the Emancipation liturgy, since the different "Emancipation Days" on the islands occur sometime in early July or August. Antigua celebrates emancipation on the first Monday in August, while Emancipation Day in the US Virgin Islands is an official public holiday observed July 3rd. The Dia di Emansipashon on Curacao is commemorated on July 1st, but is not an official public holiday, although there are many special activities around that date.

Thank you to Sister Meredith for making the special lovefeast buns and Sister Lucille for making the punch for our lovefeast. Sister Lauren chose the songs for the lovefeast service.